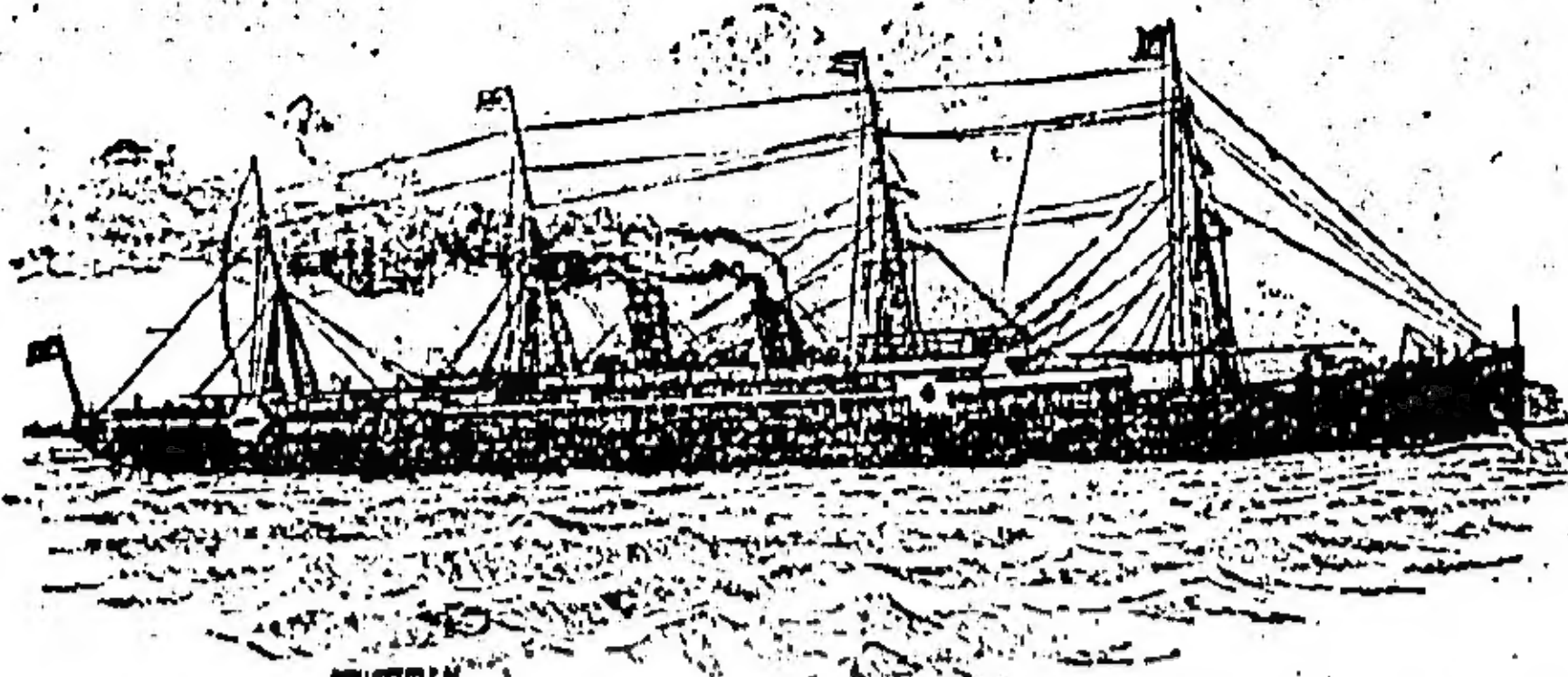


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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"HONGKONG MARU".....WEDNESDAY, 31st December, at Noon.
"CHINA".....THURSDAY, 8th January, 1903, at Noon.
"DOJO".....SATURDAY, 17th January, 1903, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU".....SATURDAY, 24th January, 1903, at Noon.
"SIBERIA".....TUESDAY, 31st February, 1903, at Noon.
"COPTIC".....TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU".....FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at Noon.
"KOREA".....SATURDAY, 7th March, 1903, at Noon.
"GAZELLE".....SATURDAY, 7th March, 1903, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE T. K. K. Company's Steamship "HONGKONG MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of America.

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Special rates (first class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchants' Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

R.M.S. "ATHENIAN".....3,882 Tons.....WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec., 1902.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA".....6,000 ".....WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA".....6,000 ".....WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb., 1903.
"TARTAR".....4,425 ".....WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN".....6,000 ".....WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"ATHENIAN".....3,882 ".....WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA".....6,000 ".....WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA".....6,000 ".....WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"TARTAR".....4,425 ".....WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN".....6,000 ".....WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
"ATHENIAN".....3,882 ".....WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave, daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1902.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight.
ADRIA	NEW YORK VIA PORTS.	28th Dec.	Freight.
Scharrschmidt	GENOA AND HAMBURG.	30th Dec.	Freight and Passengers.
STRASSBURG	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	13th Jan.	Freight.
NURNBERG	HAYRE AND HAMBURG.	27th Jan.	Freight and Passengers.
Julburg	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	10th Feb.	Freight and Passengers.
SILESIA	HAYRE AND HAMBURG.	24th Feb.	Freight.
Hable	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	10th Feb.	Freight and Passengers.
WUNZBURG	HAYRE AND HAMBURG.	24th Feb.	Freight.
C. FERD. LAEISZ	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	10th Feb.	Freight and Passengers.
Fuchs	HAYRE AND HAMBURG.	24th Feb.	Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

HONGKONG OFFICE.

No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. F. G. COLLINS, to Sell, by PUBLIC AUCTION, within his residence "Dunford" Mount Kellie, the Peak, on

SATURDAY, the 27th December, 1902, at 11 A.M.,

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising—

BRASS-MOUNTED DOUBLE-BED STEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, MARBLE-TOP WASH STANDS and DRESSING TABLES with REVELED GLASS, TEAK-WOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE, LEATHER-COVERED CHAIRS, TEAK-WOOD OVERMANTLE with REVELED GLASS, DINNER SERVICE, TEA and DESSERT SETS, CUTLERY and GLASSWARE, OLD CHINA VASES, (some of them are from Peking), &c., &c.

ALSO One COTTAGE PIANO by Collard and C. Hard, London, (almost new).

A large Assortment of Plants in Pots. (Refreshments will be supplied during the sale). Particulars as per Catalogue.

TERMS—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1407d]

Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1902, at 12 N. ON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the SUBJOINED SPECIAL RESOLUTION—

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinances 1865 to 1899; and that the Honorable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeler be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902. By Order of the Consulting Committee, WILLIAM D. JUPP, Acting Manager.

[13603]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby giving that the EIGH-TEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of December, 1902, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 30th November, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 31st instant, both Days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1379d]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the BANK PREMISES, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st January, 1903, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:— To receive and consider Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to 31st Dec., 1902, the Reports of the Directors and Auditor thereon; to elect Auditors, and to transact the other Ordinary Business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st day of January, 1903, both Days inclusive.

By Order, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [1392d]

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the Remaining Call of THREE DOLLARS per Share is now called up, and is PAYABLE at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 37, Connaught Road, on or before January 2nd, 1903. On Payment, Shareholders will please hand in their Scrips for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order, J. W. KEW, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1366d]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of January 1903 the Currency equivalent of the Franc has been raised from \$0.40 to \$0.46, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected.

Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Offices. J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1398d]

THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

WORKS—Causeway Bay (adjoining Kennedy's Stables). TOWN DEPOT—4, Beaconsfield Arcade (Alleyway).

ALL work is done under European supervision, and the objectionable practices, common to Chinese laundries, of dampening from the mouth and sleeping on the clothes are not permitted. Collection and delivery at private residences. Monthly Terms quoted for gentlemen. Special terms to families on application to— F. G. ALLEN, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1902. [1308d]

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, T. G. COCHRANE, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, E. W. ORMISTON, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency, GASTON MAYER, Acting Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, TARO HODSUMI, Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK, H. FIGGE, Manager.

For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK, J. W. TAYLOR, Manager.

For the GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK, E. F. GROS, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1402d]

LOST.

IN the Lavatory of the Hongkong Hotel, A GENTLEMAN'S ENGLISH SILVER LEVER WATCH and GOLD CHAIN with GOLD LOCKET and JAPANESE IVORY CHARM attached.

The Finder will be rewarded if necessary on returning same to "H." C/o H.K. Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1408d]

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

FOUND, in the City Hall (and handed to me to-day), a SAPPHIRE GOLD BRACELET. Will be restored to the Owner on application to— DAVID WOOD, Hon. Sec., St. Andrew's Society.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1409d]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE and SALES ROOMS of the Undersigned have been REMOVED to No. 8, DES VUEX ROAD CENTRAL, Corner of Ice House Street.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1367d]

NOTICE.

OWING to the large increase in the Cost of Fodder, &c., we are obliged to raise the PRICE of our MILK to 12 CENTS per small bottle from 1st January next.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD., S. A. SETHI, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG DAIRY, G. W. GEGG, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1385d]

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KOBE, JAPAN.

AND IMPORTED BY

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [1367d]

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No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

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MODERATE TARIFF. Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1386d]

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Fresh Australian Cheese.

Fresh Australian Sausage Bacon.

H. KUTTONJEE, No. 5, D'Almeida Street, Hongkong.

No. 39, Elgin Road, Kowloon, Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [1307d]

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

THE MANAGER.

[1339c]

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THE most select Hotel in the Far-East, beautifully situated, over-looking the sea, and affords comfortable accommodation for travellers.

The strictest supervision as to food and cleanliness is exercised by a European Manager.

Telegraphic Address: "BOA VISTA."

Intimations.

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THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTERY, DIARRHOEA, HEMORRHOGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.

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12th October, 1898.

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No. 35, Queen's Road Central, Next Door, Messrs. LAM, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, 20th November, 1901. [1425c]

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For INFANTS and INVALIDS

When prepared is similar to Breast Milk.

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DROZ & Co., WATCH MANUFACTURERS, STEAM FACTORY ESTABLISHED 1864. ST. IMIER, SWITZERLAND.

SPECIALITIES: LEVER WATCH & CHRONOGRAPH. TRADE MARKS: MAXIM, BERNA, &c.

REPAIRS OF WATCHES and CLOCKS by competent European experts at Moderate Rate.

No. 14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong, 10th October, 1901. [1366c]

TUBORG BEER.

A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid, and any other Chemicals.

PRICE 50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts.) Special Prices for Quantities.

Sole Agents—SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, 29th May, 1902. [1395d]

WAI YUNG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

No. 1, D'ALMEIDA STREET, HONGKONG.

FAMOUS SCIENTIST AT HONGKONG.

DR. ADOLPHUS T. KECKLER.

Dr. Adolphus T. Keckler, the celebrated scientist and traveller, has been staying at the Hongkong Hotel. He arrived from Manila in the *Rosetta* a few days ago, and is on his way to America via England, where he will lecture at the Universities. This famous son of America, a native of Kentucky, enjoys the advantage of possessing ample means to enable him to pursue his scientific research without aid from any association or society. He has visited almost every country on the globe and made studies of their peoples and the geological construction of the various places. Much of his time has been spent in the study of the origin and development of man, and he has made experiments along this line with the celebrated Darwin. He was also a friend of Dickens, Tolstoy, the Brownings and many other famous men of letters. He has been decorated by Emperor William with the Red Eagle of Germany for a work on science which he read in that country.

CHINESE AND INDIANS.

Dr. Keckler believes that the Indian and the Chinese races were at one time analogous. Through local conditions and environment, one or both have changed, until their present types have been evolved. He cannot determine whether the yellow man or the red is the original type or which most nearly approaches the original type. As for Christian Science, he considers it an effect of the conditions of the mind. He has studied the subject and connects it with hypnotism. Perhaps the principal work which he has now on hand is the writing of a new volume to be called *The Variability of Thought*. It deals with the effects of thought on the convolutions of the brain and the general influences of higher thinking.

"We know not how we originated," said he to a *Hongkong Telegraph* reporter, "nor whether we are going. When I graduated from the university, I thought I knew a lot but now at the age of three score years and more I know very little."

Dr. Keckler keeps his years well; he is over six feet tall with a massive frame and is made the more distinguished looking by a snowy white patriarchal beard and hair, while his complexion and brilliant eyes are as youthful as ever. In fact, he bears a striking resemblance to the late John Ruskin.

COAL AT VLADIVOSTOK.

The varieties of coal used at Vladivostok, and in the vicinity are, in the order named, Japanese, Sakhalin, and Cardiff.

The Japanese coal can be landed at Vladivostok at from 11 to 12 rubles (73s. 7d. to 25s. 9d.) per ton, including freight charges—250 to 300 rubles (55s. 3d. to 65s. 6d.) per ton.

Cardiff coal, by far the best and most popular, costs, c.i.f., Vladivostok from 40 to 50 rubles (80s. 10d. to 95s. 4d.) per ton.

Sakhalin coal, delivered at wharf, costs from 13 to 14 rubles (28s. to 30s.) including freight at 3.25 to 4 rubles (65s. 10d. to 85s. 7d.) per ton.

There are several local coal-mines owned by private firms, but the product is not of a superior character; the best is said to be the Startseff mine, in which Messrs. Crompton & Schwabe have a half interest. The Ussuri Railroad Company used this coal until last year; but becoming dissatisfied with the quality, the managers have recently concluded a contract for five years with the prison department of Sakhalin. This railroad uses some 60,000 tons yearly. Messrs. Clarkson & Company have several mines of fairly good coal; but it is not uniform in quality; they can deliver in Vladivostok at 8 rubles (17s. 2d.) per ton.

Most of the coal produced here is lignite and friable. The Chinese Eastern Fleet is an important consumer, and from 10 to 15 new steamers are expected to be added to the service.

The Russian naval squadron in the Pacific uses foreign coal—mostly Japanese—to the value of 1,000,000 rubles (£100,000) annually.

The Government some years ago made a special examination of the coal in the South Ussuri section. The report mentioned especially some mines at Su-Chau, near the Su-Chau River, 20 versts (13.2 miles) from the beach—some 60 miles from Vladivostok by sea and nearly 70 miles by land. The coal is anthracite and is pronounced superior to that of Japan in quality. This mine was formally opened in January, 1902. Active work has been begun and a railroad will connect the mine with the Ussuri line, making transportation to this port easier. The money has been appropriated. The demand for all departments around Vladivostok, exclusive of the naval need, is estimated at 100,000 to 120,000 tons for the current year. The local supply has made perceptible inroads on Japanese imports. In 1899, Japan sent 92,156 tons worth of coal; in 1900, 8,862 tons.

The American Consul reports that the whole Maritime Province is rich in all kinds of minerals. The region about St. Olga Bay has iron ore, the percentage of which is said to be higher than that of the Urals. There is also much silver and lead about Olga. The distance from St. Olga Bay to the Ussuri Railroad is from 170 to 200 versts (112.7 to 132.6 miles).

The coal mines near Newchwang connected with the Russian railway of which so much was expected two years ago have not proved a success; the Lu-sheng mines near Wa-fang-tien in the south of the Liaotung Peninsula have been shut down owing to the inferior quality of the coal, and the output from the mines near Yen-tai between Liao-yang and Moukden, which were flooded from old workings during exceedingly heavy rains in August last year, is as yet comparatively small. Up to the present the railway has been dependent for the most part on Japanese coal and on limited supplies from native workings in the interior.

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUMMER UNDERWEAR.

FOREIGN WARSHIP IN INLAND WATERS.

A CHINESE PROTEST.

The Shanghai Taotai Yuan Hsu-yuan has recently written to the Consuls in that port raising objections to foreign war-vessels going into Chinese inland waters, without preliminary notice. The despatch reads as follows:—"According to the instructions from the Acting High Commissioner Li Ming-chang of the Southern Ports, I hereby indite this despatch. On the 16th October, 1902, the Acting Governor Ko Feng-shih, of Kiangsi, received reports from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and the Taotai at Kiukiang to the effect that during the month of July and August last, the British war-vessels *Pique*, *Matine* and *Rosario* arrived at Kiukiang from Hankow and on the 28th July, 1902, at 4 p.m. they went into the Poyang lake. Again the Japanese war-vessel *Atago* also arrived at Kiukiang at noon on 29th July last and went into the Poyang lake on the 30th, while, again the British war vessel *Tesl* which arrived Kiukiang at 3 p.m. on the 31st July last from Shanghai, proceeded, on the 2nd August, into the Poyang lake. The Bureau as well as the Taotai on one side have warned the local official to "protect" the warships while on the other hand, they made reports to the Provincial Governor. The Bureau and the Taotai say that the excuse of the foreign war vessels visiting the Yangtze river is for the protection of their nationals in the open ports. But the Poyang lake is a sheet of inland water in the Province of Kiangsi; there is no open port on its shores, and there are no foreign merchants or foreign buildings thereon. These foreign war-vessels simply went into the lake on their way up the Yangtze and they have not gone there because of a gale or strong wind. The Bureau and the Taotai have made inquiries of the British Consul at Kiukiang as to the object of the warships' visit to the Poyang Lake and the Consul answered that it was for the survey of the waterways. However, as they had given no preliminary notice of their coming the local officials surely could not tell when they were likely to arrive. Fortunately nothing wrong happened this time, but it is feared that ignorant people might think it rather unusual to have foreign war-vessels in the inland waterways of China and in case the crews of these vessels landed the natives might cause trouble, and the local officials, not knowing of the arrival of such war-vessels, might not be able to give full protection to the lives of crew so landed! After officials in the Bureau and Taotai had duly discussed the matter they decided to refer the question to the Superintendent of Southern Ports (Viceroy at Nanking) and to get him to send a despatch to the Consuls-General of those powers at Shanghai whose war-vessels have thus visited the lake and to ask them not to send any more war ships unless they have some official business on the inland waterways and the lake. In case of there being any necessity for their going to the lake the consuls should write a despatch to that effect at least ten days ahead, so as to enable the officials give the ships due protection. Therefore they petitioned the Viceroy at Nanking to write to the Consuls at Shanghai to inform the commanders of foreign war-vessels on the matter. The Viceroy having consented to the petition, now through the Taotai of Shanghai, makes an intimation to the same effect (to the Consuls).

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1902.

BUILDING SUPERVISION IN HONGKONG.

The circumstances of the lamentable collapse of two houses in Second Street in the early part of August and the consequent loss of four lives, have been made the subject of searching investigations both at the Magistracy and at the Supreme Court. In the first instance, Mr. F. A. Hazeland, sitting as a Coroner, conducted an inquiry into the cause of the deaths of the deceased, whether it was attributable to criminal negligence, and, if so who were the guilty persons. The jury found that the four persons died as the result of the collapse, which was brought about by criminal negligence on the part of two contractors, who were accordingly committed for trial on the charge of manslaughter. To their verdict the Coroner's jury added the following rider:—"We are of opinion that the sooner the Public Works Department is placed in a position to attend to the construction and alteration of buildings, the better will life be protected against the results of work done by unscrupulous, careless, or ignorant contractors." This in itself is worded sufficiently strong to call for more than passing comment, especially having regard to the fact that at previous inquests of a similar nature the jurors have felt it their bounden duty to direct attention to the Public Works Department. At the investigation into the circumstances attending the collapse of Nos. 30 and 32 Kowloon City Road the rider was:—"We are of opinion that having regard to the area of the wall its thickness was insufficient." That it reflects on the building authority in Hongkong there cannot be the least doubt. Much stronger, however, was the rider to the jury's verdict at the Magistracy when investigation was being conducted into the cause of the collapse of 50, First Street, West Point, and in connection with which a native contractor was sent for trial for criminal negligence. That jury did not beat around the bush, but spoke to the point. "The Government has grossly neglected its duty," was their view of the matter. In addition to these strong remarks it is of importance to note that the common juries at the Criminal Sessions have endorsed the opinions expressed at the Coroner's inquiries regarding the Public Works Department. In the West Point case, where a contractor indicted for manslaughter was discharged the jury expressed the opinion that, "the supervision at present exercised by the Public Works Department over the demolition and alteration of buildings is inadequate," while the result of yesterday's trial, which ended in a great surprise for judge, counsel and, no doubt, contractors regarding the collapse of Nos. 10 and 12 Second Street, showed that the jury held similar views, for the following rider was added to their verdict of not guilty:—"The jury are of the unanimous opinion that the authorities should adopt more stringent measures to prevent houses being built in such a manner, as in this case over which we have given our verdict, where incompetent men are left entirely to themselves, without any supervision whatever, to erect houses in such a manner as to render them most dangerous for human habitation and the public at large." Without entering upon the question of these abortive efforts to attach blame to the contractors or their numerous sub-contractors, one cannot abstain from expressing an opinion that, from the very outset of these proceedings the question which must have been uppermost in everyone's mind is how such pitiable occurrences are possible and whether they might not have been prevented. There is, we fear, no doubt about the answer. In this last, as in previous cases, the lives were sacrificed to the lack—one might almost say the criminal lack—of proper supervision. In the course of his evidence, Mr. Tooker, executive engineer, of the Public Works Department, stated that the plan submitted complied with the provisions of the Buildings Ordinance and no amendment or alteration was made to it by himself. He admitted that he did not inspect the alterations to the buildings during their progress, and pointed out that the Inspector of Buildings was the officer deputed to act on behalf of the D.P.W. In fact, he could not say whether anybody from the Public Works Department inspected the work during its progress or not. That Mr. Tooker did not there is no doubt whatever, for in his evidence he stated that never at any time did he inspect the alterations and alterations to the houses in Second Street. In opening the case on behalf of the Crown, the Attorney-General submitted that the Public Works Department, which was generally used as "the proverbial red herring to draw across the trail, could not be used, happily, for this reason, that this house that had to be erected did not come within the section which required a certificate from the Public Works Department before occupation." Really! What a delightful method of white-washing our red herring. No mention was made of another side of the question. Let us turn for an instant to the reply of Mr. H. P. Tooker, as the then Acting Director of Public Works, given to the Chairman of the Retirement Committee on the 18th June, 1894. We find that he said, "For all new buildings and new works (we take it additions to old buildings) will be recognised as new works) in the Colony plans have to be submitted under the Building Ordinance." Plans were submitted. Then to another question, he replied, "when plans are submitted and the work started, it is my duty to see that the plans are adhered to and the notices under the Building Ordinance are adhered to; Mr. Hazeland assists me in going round the town to attend to that work." Then Mr. Hazeland's duty as an executive engineer was defined. "He looks after the plans submitted under the Building Ordinance, points out defects in the plans, and after they are passed he supervises the outdoor work, he sees that the work is carried out in accordance with the plans." The witness afterwards said, and this is of equal importance, "Well, you see no one has any idea of the difficulty of looking after a Chinese contractor except he experiences it himself. The buildings are continually under repair and if you leave a Chinese contractor to work by himself—put on a new roof for instance—it is ten to one that he will scamp the work and make a bad job of it." Comment is almost superfluous; let us turn back again to the question under review. How came it that sanction to make alterations and additions to the premises was given by the P.W.D. without making the necessary examination. Surely it ought not to be possible for plans to be carried through the office of the P.W.D. until some responsible officials have been satisfied that the buildings will bear the contemplated alteration and additions. Does not the *ex post facto* given by this latest collapse investigation amount to an admission that the check supposed to be exercised by the Government Department in building operations in Hongkong is practically a myth? How many more lives are going to be lost during the coming rainy season by further collapses is impossible to state. But it is monstrous that in a British colony, where labour is so cheap and where it is known that work will be sublet over and over again, the authorities should go on the assumption that because plans have been submitted and formally passed buildings will stand typhoons and rain and continual hacking by native contractors. It is time Government recognized that the law is for the purpose of preventing and not detecting crime.

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THE QUARRY BAY AFFAIR.—From latest reports we learn that three out of the seven Indian watchmen, who were attacked by over one thousand Chinese at the Quarry Bay shipbuilding yard, expired yesterday.

MORNING SERVICE at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenageary, on Christmas Day will be held at nine o'clock when Mass in Latin by Haydn will be sung. Orchestral accompaniment will be conducted by Mr. E. Dagenberg.

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HONGKONG ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—A Prize Meeting of the Hongkong Army Rifle Association will be held on the Kowloon Rifle Ranges on the 7th and 8th January for Native troops, and on the 9th and 10th January for British troops.

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CHINA SUPER-AERATION CO. LD.—The prospectus of the China Super-Aeration Co., Ltd., formed to purchase from the Orient Super-Aeration Syndicate, Ltd., all their right to work, and develop the Super-Aeration system of dispensing aerated waters on draught in China, has been published.

THE FRENCH MAIL.—Owing to the recent strike at Marseilles, the M.M. Australian liner *Armand Lher*, which should have left Marseilles on the 30th ult., in consequence of which the *Calédonien*, left Marseilles on the 23rd ult. for China via Bombay to connect with the *Armand Lher* at Colombo, has to await her there, and will probably be six or seven days late here. —N.C.D.N.

MISS JANET WALDORF'S CO.—After a record season here it is natural that so popular a dramatic company as Miss Janet Waldorf's should be missed by Hongkong theatre-goers. Their return season will no doubt be eagerly looked forward to particularly as the announcement of the company give promise of some very delectable entertainments. The Company return to Hongkong in time to resume the season on Boxing Night.

BAZAAR OF TOYS.—The Hon. Secretary of the Catholic Union desires us to thank our readers for their kind support to the Catholic Union Bazaar of Toys which yielded about \$1,200. They are invited to attend the tea party, which is proposed to give to the poor children in the rooms of the Club House on Christmas Day at 3 p.m. The dinner for the old people will take place in the Homes of the Aged and Infirm, Wanchai, on New Year's Day.

THE SIBERIAN ROUTE.—M. Isolatoff, Russian Postmaster, says that he is in receipt of a further telegram regarding transit of mail matter via Siberia to Europe, which states that provided letters, etc., bear Russian stamps and are forwarded through the Russian Posts Agency they will be accepted for transmission by the route. It should be explained that the former telegram referred to the dispatch of *closed mail*, arrangements for which have not yet been made.

VICTORIA LODGE.—At the regular meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 106 E. C., last evening the Deputy District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China, Worshipful Brother E. C. Ray, attended with his officers and installed Bro. E. H. Ray as Worshipful Master. He invested his officers as follows:—Senior Warden, Bro. C. W. Longuet; Junior Warden, Bro. C. H. G. G. G.; Treasurer, Bro. E. Mirow; Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gordin; Senior Deacon, Bro. J. H. Swan; Junior Deacon, Bro. W. C. Barrett; Organist, Pro. C. F. G. Grimbly; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. J. G. Whitley; Inner Guard, Bro. P. W. Goldring; Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone.

FRENCH TROOPS AT SHANGHAI.—The *Echo de Chine* states that the steamer *Amiral Eglewans* has been chartered by the French Government to take away the French garrison from Shanghai. The withdrawal will be completed in one operation, probably on the 24th or 25th of this month, as soon as the necessary preparations for the conveyance of the horses and mules of the battery of artillery can be made on the transport. The Shanghai garrison will relieve the detachment now at Kuangchow-wai. Lt. Colonel Diguet, the Commander, will proceed from Kuangchow-wai to Tongking, where he will have the command of an important military district, a post usually held by a full colonel.

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ARMY NOTES.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this morning in the Council Chamber. There were present:—His Excellency the Governor (Sir H. A. Blake, K.C.M.G.), His Excellency Major General Sir W. J. Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., (Officer Commanding the Troops), Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Sir H. Spencer Berkeley, K.B. (Attorney General), Hon. Dr. F. W. Clark, (Medical Officer of Health), Hon. Commander R. M. Rumsey, R.N. (Harbour Master), Hon. A. M. Thomson, (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. W. Chatham, (Director of Public Works), Hon. C. W. Dickson, Hon. C. S. Sharp, Hon. C. W. F. Playfair, Hon. R. Sheehan, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Wei A Yuk and Mr. C. Clementi, (Acting Clerk of Council).

The meeting was called for the further consideration of the bye-laws and amendments to the Public Health and Buildings Bill.

H. E. proposed to take the bye laws that had not been amended by numbers and thus save time.

This was assented to and the further reading of the Committee was proceeded with.

Regarding the bye law relating to the importation of animals, reading "no animal shall be landed at any wharf in Kowloon except the Police wharf at Yau-mai," Mr. Sharp thought that the landing of, say, a shipment of cattle from Australia should be allowed at more convenient wharves.

After discussion the suggestion was not adopted.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether the Bill should be amended to read "compensation shall" instead of "may" be given in cases where property is damaged while disinfecting.

H. E. thought that if property was damaged compensation ought to be given.

The Hon. Sir Spencer Berkeley, however, opined that in the case of a person having, say, a sack of straw containing all kinds of vermin it was not right to give compensation.

Dr. Ho Kai fought hard for the amendment and both sides being persistent a division was taken. The "noes" gained by one vote, those voting "for" being the Hons. Playfair, Sharp, Rumsey, Ho Kai, and Wei Yuk, and those against the Hons. Chatham, Thompson, Sir W. Gascoigne, May, Clark, and Sir H. S. Berkeley.

A further amendment was made to read "where a case of infection has been reported no charge shall be made for the cost of cleansing and disinfection." On the suggestion of Dr. Ho Kai supported by H. E., added to this were the words "and reasonable compensation for property destroyed or damaged shall in such cases be given."

The Council adjourned at one o'clock till 3 p.m.

(Proceeding.)

ENTERIC FEVER IN MACDONNELL ROAD AND MURRAY BARRACKS.

RECOMMENDATION BY MEDICAL OFFICER.

At this evening's meeting of the Sanitary Board, discussion ensued regarding an outbreak of enteric fever in MacDonnell Road and Murray Barracks.

The Medical Officer of Health had reported:—"Three cases of enteric fever having recently occurred in MacDonnell Road I recommend that the Board should at once issue warning letters to all the tenants on this road and Kennedy Road that great care must be taken by them to boil all water before it is used for drinking or for washing salads or vegetables which are eaten raw. Most of these houses are collecting water from the runnels on the hill side at the back of their houses, and here is reason to believe that this water may be contaminated."

The Secretary of the Sanitary Board then forwarded the following letter to the tenants:—"Three cases of enteric fever having recently occurred in MacDonnell Road I am directed by the Board to warn you that great care should be taken by you to boil all water before it is used for drinking or for washing salads or vegetables which are eaten raw. The servants in most of the houses on MacDonnell Road and Kennedy Road are collecting water from runnels on the hill side at the back of the houses, and there is reason to believe that the water may be contaminated."

The M. O. H. also recommended:—"In view of the occurrence of a case of enteric fever in Murray Barracks, I recommend that a similar letter to those sent to the residents on MacDonnell and Kennedy Roads be sent to the P. M. O. of H. M. forces with reference to all buildings in military occupation between Queen's Road East, and MacDonnell Road. A letter was accordingly despatched."

CHOLERA AT MANILA.

THE INSPECTION OF SHIPPING.

Regarding the prevalence of cholera in Manila, letters were laid on the table at this afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

The Colonial Secretary wrote to the British Consul at Manila, on the 1st inst., to the following effect:—"With reference to your letter of the 12th ult. and previous correspondence, I am directed to inquire whether in your opinion it would be safe for this Government to rescind the proclamation of the 7th of last July declaring Manila to be an infected port, and whether it is true that there has been a recrudescence of cholera in Manila."

In reply the following communication was sent:—"With reference to your letter of the 1st inst., I have the honour to report that there has been a fresh outbreak of cholera since 14th last month and that cases are, as you will see by yesterday's return, still occurring."

The M. O. H. minute: The inspection of the shipping should be continued.

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THE PRAYA EAST COLLAPSE.

ARCHITECTS AND CONTRACTORS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Magistracy this afternoon the inquiry into the collapse of No. 45 Praya East was concluded.

The jury was asked to reply to the following questions:—

(1) What was the cause of the deaths of the deceased?

(2) Were the deaths of the deceased due to criminal negligence?

(3) If "yes," what person or persons were guilty of such criminal negligence?

After retiring for thirty minutes the jury replied:—

(1) That the deaths of the deceased were due to the collapse of No. 45 Praya East.

(2) That the deaths of the deceased were due to criminal negligence.

(3) The persons guilty of such criminal negligence were Messrs. Leigh and Orange, the architects, and we cannot lay any particular blame on any one in the Public Works Department, but consider that the officers did not do their duty. Messrs. Leigh and Orange entered into a personal bond, and the contractor's bail was fixed at \$5,000.

The architects and contractor were then committed for trial at the next criminal sessions for manslaughter.

A HONGKONG COPYRIGHT.

INT. RESTING CASE AT SUPREME COURT.

An interesting copyright case came on before the Puisne Judge, His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff, Lo Sing Lau, a clerk in the Marine Surveyor's office, and the defendant did not appear.

Plaintiff said his Ning Po book was intended for Ning Po people desirous of learning English. He got it from his mother-in-law, who obtained it from her nephew.

What did you do with it?—I borrowed English to fix on to Canton dialect, but as to characters, Ning Po are entirely different from Cantonese. I also used sentences of my own. To do the work it took ten months, working two hours a day.

Mr. Pollock explained that different characters were required to produce the same sound in English when dealing with the Ning Po and Canton dialects. Plaintiff proceeded to state that the book was published in May, 1896 and registered in Hongkong at the Registrar General's office shortly afterwards. He was sole proprietor of the copyright.

The defence states that in or about 1895 you were employed to revise the Ning Po book—it is not true.

In the subsequent evidence it was stated that the plaintiff gave \$10 to the man from whom his mother-in-law obtained the suggestion. Of the first edition of the book, 1,000 copies were sold at \$1 each bound, and 75 cents paper cover, and of the second edition, 2,000 copies, were sold at \$1.25 and \$1, while a third edition ran into 2,000 copies, 1,000 of which were sold at the same price as the second edition. They had proved very lucrative to the compiler.

Mr. Pollock then put in as an exhibit a copy of an imitation that had come to the plaintiff. This book entitled "English and Chinese, Self Taught" was an exact copy of the plaintiff's book, with the exception of the preface, tone marks and size of characters.

His Lordship examined half a dozen pages of the two books at random and found them to be exactly the same, and furthermore, Mr. Pollock pointed out that the defendant had copied mistakes out of the plaintiff's book.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs. Damages are to be assessed by the Registrar on the 31st January next after due notice of such to the defendant. If the defendant does not appear the plaintiff shall be awarded damages in the sum of \$700. The defendant furthermore shall deliver up to the plaintiff all copies of the infringing in his possession or power by 31st December, 1902.

THE VALUE OF LAND in Chefoo, like everything else, has gone up very much in price. Land in the district of the Lily Doughty, white Hospital, which could be purchased a year or two ago for \$200 a mou, is now standing at six times that figure.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

German (*Princess Irene*) to-morrow.
American (*Hongkong Maru*) to-morrow.
Australian (*Chinglu*) 25th inst.
American (*China*) 31st inst.
American (*Doric*) 8th prox.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 16th prox.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Manila*, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst. at 6 p.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Nippon Maru* with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 19th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.V.S. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 22nd inst., and left again at 7 p.m., same day, for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Pera* with mails, &c., which left hence on the 20th ult. for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 19th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China* with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 3rd inst. via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the morning of the 23rd inst.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MAKSEILLES, HAVRE, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TEENKAI"	23rd December.
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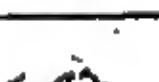
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